

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please make the following changes in the specification at the indicated locations:

Page 1, between line 1 (title) and line 2 ("FIELD OF THE INVENTION"), please insert the following:

### **CROSS-REFERENCE**

This is the US National Stage of PCT/EP 2005/000892, which was filed in Europe on January 29, 2005. The invention described herein below is also described in Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-087602, which was filed on March 24, 2004, in Japan. The aforesaid Japanese Patent Application provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention for the invention described herein below under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a) to (d) and 365.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, line 7, please insert the following heading:

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART**

Page 1, line 8, please delete this line in its entirety, i.e. delete "**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**".